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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS (1-17)

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (original): The shape transferring cannula system of claim 1, wherein said first section and said second section are laterally parallel.

Claim 8 (original): The shape transferring cannula system of claim 1, wherein said second rigidizing section is a linkage sheath comprising:

two cable-guiding channels an equal radial distance from a central axis of said linkage sheath;

a pulley at a distal end of said linkage sheath; and

a cable wrapping around said pulley and residing in said two cable-guiding channels.

Claim 9 (original): The shape transferring cannula system of claim 8, wherein said pulley is positioned off-axis.

Claim 10 (original): A shape transferring cannula system comprising:

a first section;

a second section laterally parallel to said first section and slidably coupled to said first section, wherein at least one of said first and second sections is a rigidizing section;

a steerable tip coupled to a distal end of said first section; and

a control mechanism coupled to said first section and to said second section for alternately advancing said first section and said second section.

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Claim 11 (original): The shape transferring cannula system of claim 10, further comprising an accessory lumen contained within said first section.

Claim 12 (original): The shape transferring cannula system of claim 10, further comprising an accessory lumen contained within said second section.

Claim 13 (original): The shape transferring cannula system of claim 10, wherein said first section is a rigidizing section.

Claim 14 (original): The shape transferring cannula system of claim 10, wherein said second section is a rigidizing section.

Claim 15 (original): The shape transferring cannula system of claim 10, wherein said first section is a rigidizing section and said second section is a rigidizing section.

Claims 16-17 (canceled)